## Sustainability in Franklin



The City seeks to promote sustainability initiatives by providing leadership, incentives, and excellent model projects.

## **Topics**

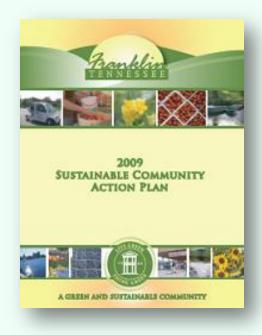
- Sustainability Update
- •What is the Live Green Business Partnership?
  - How it Works
  - Benefits of Joining
    - Long-Term Vision

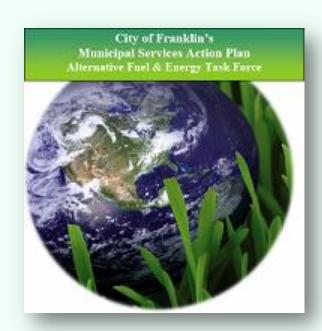




## Plans are in Place

- Sustainability Community Action Plan
  - Sustainability Commission (9 Volunteers)
    - SustainabilityTask Force (50 Volunteers)
- Municipal Action Plan





## Transitioning to Sustainability

















## Live Green Business Partnership

- Collaboration of business organizations
- Voluntary Commitment
- Recognition 5 levels of certification
- Purpose: Increase efficiency and sustainability
  - While Raising Awareness

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

R. Buckminster Fuller

## How Does it Work?

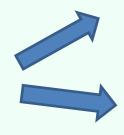
Fill out assessment form on City's website



Become a partner based on score



Continue to implement items from the list of criteria





 Undergo periodic review from Sustainability Task Force; reapply for higher level

**Receive Recognition** 



## CITY OF FRANKLIN Live Green Partner

#### **Gold Level**

Congratulations on becoming a Franklin Live Green Business Partner and achieving Gold status!

The community appreciates and recognizes your efforts to become a more efficient and conscientious business.

#### Live Green Levels of Partnership

Platinum 160+ points 120-159points Bronze Silver 80-119 points Gold 40-79 points

20-39 Partner Level



Mayor John Schroer

City of Franklin Sustainability Commission Chair, Ken Scalf

The Live Green Partnership is a joint relationship with Leadership Franklin, Franklin Tomorrow and the City of Franklin.



## www.franklintn.gov



## Example: Joe's Widget Shoppe

- Goal: Achieve Gold Level (120+ points)
- Initiatives they already do (Total 40 points Bronze Level):
  - Double Sided Print (5 points)
  - No leaks (5 points)
  - Signed up for Green Tips on the City's Website (5 points)
  - Eliminated harmful/toxic chemicals (5 points)
  - Recycle Cardboard (10 points)
  - Installed CFLs (10 points)

#### In order to gain another 80 points they did the following:

- Designated an employee to oversee environmental efforts (10 points)
- Offered 10% discount to customers who walked/biked to store (10 points)
- Eliminated Bottled Water (10 points)
- Had a Professional Energy Audit (20 points)
- Compost program for food waste (20 points)
- Used the compost for flower beds (10 points)

## Puckett's Gro & Restaurant





# Vision

- Launch Program on St. Patrick's Day
- Use Chamber, Downtown Association as conduits
- Certify Businesses that already Qualify
- Expand Live Green Program to schools, churches, and eventually individuals and families



## Benefits

"Green businesses are more efficient, more competitive, more profitable – 15% more profitable."

Terrashares.com

# Cost Savings Public Acknowledgement—Decals & Certificate Online Live Green business listing Helping Implement the Community Action Plan





